

## **Hospital Planning for Fatality Management**

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## **2008 ASPR Survey**

- **ADPH conducts an annual hospital survey**
  - **Has your hospital completed DRAFT plans for mass fatality management?**
    - **Yes - 66**
    - **No - 16**

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  - **Does your hospital have FINALIZED WRITTEN plans?**
    - **Yes - 59**
    - **No - 26**

## **2010 ASPR Guidance**

- **Assistant to Secretary of Planning and Response (ASPR), under Health and Human Services (HHS)**
- **Facility level planning integrated into local/jurisdictional and state plans, include**
  - **Proper identification**
  - **Handling and storage of remains**

## **Local Planning**

- **Has your hospital been involved with county Emergency Management Agency's (EMA) Local Emergency planning committee (LEPC), Emergency Preparedness (EP) Teams' PI planning committee, or County FM Team?**
  - **If not, it is time**
  - **52 of 67 counties submitted FM templates between 11/1/08-12/15/08**

### **Hospital Planning Issues**

- Do not accept bodies from outside the hospitals
- Do not plan for FM surge, plan with you county FM team
- Who in your county will pick up decedents?

### **Hospital Planning Issues**

- Does your hospital have staff to transport decedents to local collection point?
- Does your plan include procedures to report death to local authorities?
- Does your plan have 3-deep back-up for staff to enter data into Alabama Incident Management System (AIMS)?